

**Mansfield Open Space Preservation Committee**  
APPROVED Minutes of March 15, 2011 meeting

Members present: Jim Morrow (chair), Quentin Kessel, Vicky Wetherell, Ken Feathers, Susan Westa, Jennifer Kaufman (staff).

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:35.
2. Vicky was appointed acting secretary.
3. Minutes of the February 15, 2011 meeting were approved.

4. Opportunity for Public Comment

Anthony Kotula presented a request that the Town sell to him 0.15 acres of Town land (Town ownership resulted from an open space dedication associated with the Maplewoods subdivision). He proposed using the area for agricultural purposes.

4. **New Business**

- The committee discussed Mr. Kotula's request and referred it to PZC since PZC ruled on a request to change an open space dedication in 2010. The committee recommended that the request be denied because of the precedent set in PZC's 2010 decision. A report will be forwarded to PZC.
- PZC referral – Plimpton Subdivision Application  
The committee reviewed the proposal and will forward comments to PZC.
- The committee reviewed text of a proposed Natchaug River Basin Conservation Compact, and they recommend that the Town Council support this compact, which will enhance efforts to protect water resources in this public-water-supply watershed.

5. **Old Business**

- The committee continued discussion of possible open space initiatives.

6. Meeting adjourned at 9:30.
7. Next meeting on April 19, 2011.